Supply of Drinking Water in Trivandrum.

55. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement containing full particulars regarding the action taken or proposed to be taken by them for the supply of pure drinking water in Trivandrum ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A scheme for the supply of water to the town from Aruvikkara has been received by Government from the special officer deputed for the investigation. Another scheme for the supply of electricity to the town by using the water-power at Aruvikkara has also been received from the Government Electric Engineer. The feasibility of a combined scheme for the supply of electricity and water to the town is being examined by the Chief Engineer.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state approximately what further time will be required for giving us the conclusions of the Government in regard to this matter ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is not possible to say definitely just now.

Criminal Appeals in the Devicolam District Magistrate's Court.

56. MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many criminal appeals were filed in the court of the Devicolam District Magistrate and how many disposed of by the Devicolam Commissioner in his capacity as District Magistrate during 1098 ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Two.

Criminal Cases in the Devicolam District Magistrate's Court.

57. MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many original criminial cases were filed in the Devicolam District Magistrate's Court and how many tried and decided in the said court during 1098 ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Eleven.

Extension of Paddy Cultivation.

58. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken in pursuance of the following G. O.'s referred to in the answer to question No. 116 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th Vrischikam, 1098, regarding the extension of paddy cultivation in the State :

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(i) G. O. No. 1444/F. and M. R., dated the 18th April, 1917 ;
(ii) G. O. No. 930/L. R., dated the 8th February, 1920; and
(iii) Dis. No. 1197 of 22/Revenue, dated the 2nd November, 1922.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement * supplying the information required by the member is appended.

Import of Tobacco into Travancore.

59. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement containing the following information:

(i) the quantity of tobacco (Jaffna, Coimbatore and Tinnevelly) imported into Travancore during the last twelve years; and

(ii) the total quantity of snuff, cigars, cigarettes, *beedies* and other kinds of Indian manufactured tobacco imported during these years?

(*b*) What is the estimated amount of money sent out of the State on account of the purchase of these commodities in each of these years?

(*c*) Have the Government made any investigation as to whether there is any place in Travancore suited for the cultivation of tobacco? If not, do the Government propose to have tobacco cultivated in Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) and (ii) Statements † giving the required information are laid on the table.

(*b*) The money value of these imports for 1097 is Bh.Rs. 47,40,436. The figures for the other years are not available.

(*c*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know how the money value for 1097 was arrived at with regard to part (*b*)?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is based on the tariff value of the several species of tobacco imported.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know why the figures for the other years are not available?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are not just now available. If the member wants those figures they will be called for.

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Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 58.

Statement *re* Extension of Paddy Cultivation.

(1) *G. O. No. 144/F. & M. R., dated the 18th April, 1917.* Under this G. O., 8 blocks of land were ordered to be disafforested and thrown open for registry. The names of the blocks, their situation and area, and the action taken in regard to each, are shown below:—

Serial No.	Name of block and approximate area.	Situation.	Action taken.
1	Mannavankandam (1,000 acres)	Malayattur Reserve.	This block was disafforested, and when surveyed, it was found to measure only 568·67 acres. It has been decided that the disposal of the land should be under the Land Colonisation Scheme, draft rules regarding which have been published in the *Gazette* for public criticism.
2	Pandupara *Palapalli* (125 acres)	Do.	This block has been disafforested, but the disposal of it has been ordered to lie over till the Adirappalli Irrigation Scheme under contemplation is settled.
3	Mullaringattu-kandam (120 acres)	Todupuzha Reserve.	This block has been disafforested and registered.
4	8 blocks of land in the Peermade taluk (400 acres)	Cardamom Hills Reserve.	An extent of 506·56 acres of land was surveyed, of which 269·19 acres have been assigned. Steps for the registry of the remaining area were not taken in view of the order of Government prohibiting further registry of lands within the Cardamom Hills Reserve.

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Appendix I.—(*contd.*)

Serial No.	Name of block and approximate rate.	Situation.	Action taken.
5	Olikkallu (100 acres)	Kumaramperur Block A.	The actual area of these two blocks was found to be 284·25 acres (80 acres in the Olikkallu and 204·25 in the Kuttattukulam Mannu) and the whole area has been assigned.
6	Kuttattukulam Mannu (150 acres)	Do. North.	
7	Valiarippu Vayal (100 acres)	Yerur Reserve.	The assignment of about 96 acres of land in this block has been ordered. The exact area will be known only after the survey records are closed.
8	Edavam and Kalachal Karikam (104 acres)	Pallode Reserve.	An extent of 77·59 acres out of this block has been assigned. Steps for the registry of the remaining available area are in progress.

(2) *G. O. No. 930/L. R., dated the 8th February 1920.* The measures proposed for the extension of paddy cultivation and the action taken in pursuance of the proposals in the G. O. are summarised below :—

Measures proposed.	*Action taken.*
1. Registry of portions of the Vellayani lake.	As ordered in paragraph 2 of the G. O., the lake was inspected by the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, and by the Dewan, in company with the Executive Engineer, Southern Division. It was observed by them that a major portion of the lake could be converted into paddy land, leaving a portion for irrigation purposes during hot weather. But, before finally sanctioning the scheme, the Chief Engineer has been asked to investigate it and send up a detailed report as to what portions of the lake could be converted. His report is awaited.

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Measures proposed.	*Action taken.*
2. Registry of *kari* lands near the Tottappalli Lock and of reclamations from the Kayankulam lake.	Of the total area of 1,481·81 acres of *kari* lands available for registry, an extent of 181·11 acres of land was registered in 1097 and 9·10 acres reserved for registry in the names of the members of the depressed classes. Steps are in progress for the registry of 317·79 acres of land in the names of Pulayas, 451·56 acres in the names of Arayans and 22·20 acres in the names of other classes of people. It is reported that there is no demand for the remaining area available. The reclamations from the Kayankulam lake are reported to have been disposed of by registry.
3. Conversion of single crop Myal Lands in the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad and Minachil into double crop wet lands.	At the conference held prior to the issue of the G. O. in question, the Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, said that such lands could be converted into double crop lands if the percolation and absorption which the soil is susceptible of could be stopped and that experiments were being tried to achieve this object. No further report on the subject has yet been received from him.
4. Restoration of rain-fed tanks in the Kalkulam taluk.	At the conference referred to above, the Director of Agriculture suggested the desirability of appointing a special staff consisting of an Executive or an Assistant Engineer and a few overseers to inspect and report on the condition of the irrigation sources and submit proposals for their restoration in the order of their importance and urgency. The suggestion was referred to the Chief Engineer for an expression of his views. In the meantime, the question of restoring the minor irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod, Tovala, Agastisvaram, and Kalkulam taluks, was taken up and considered by Government, and in disposing of that question, the Chief Engineer has been

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Measures proposed.	*Action taken.*
	asked to get estimates for the most urgent works in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Kalkulam prepared after consulting the ryots, and submit them to Government. Action is being taken in accordance with the decision. It has also been decided that, unlike the tanks in the Neyyattinkara and Vilavankod taluks, where half the cost of restoration should be defrayed by the ryots *pro rata*, the whole cost of restoration, for the first time, in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Kalkulam should be borne by the Government alone.
5. Issue of rules under the Land Improvement and Agricultural Loans Regulation in order to facilitate the grant of loans to ryots for the purchase of seeds, manure, *etc.*	The rules under the Land Improvement and Agricultural Loans Regulation have already been issued under date the 30th April, 1921, and the rules provide for the grant of loans for such purposes as the purchase of seed, manure, cattle, *etc.* In regard to securities to be given in such cases, rule XII (B) provides that "if the loan is repayable within two years, personal security alone may be accepted" and "loans repayable within 2 years and not exceeding Rs. 200 in amount may also be granted on the personal security of the applicant or the joint personal security of the applicant and one or more other persons" *etc.*
6. Growth of leaf manure and the grant of facilities to the ryots for the same.	The report of the Director of Agriculture on the subject was received. He stated that, since the ryots themselves are fully aware of the advantages of grass manure, it was not necessary to have any large area cultivated with green manure trees for demonstrational purposes, but that it would be sufficient for the department to start work on 25 acres to begin with and open a seed farm. This proposal has been sanctioned. The question of granting lands on concessional terms for growing leaf

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Measures proposed.	*Action taken.*
	manure has also been taken up by the Government, but it has not yet beeu finally settled. The matter is under reference to the Director of Agriculture.
7. Registry of lands in the Devicolam taluk on concessional terms.	An extent of 1988·66 acres was at first said to be available for registry and Government sanctioned the assignment of this area subject to the concessional terms sanctioned in their order under reference. But it was subsequently found that an extent of 480 acres out of the above area fell within the Cardamom Hills Reserve, wherein further registry has been prohibited by Government, and this block was therefore excluded from the 1988·66 acres ordered to be assigned. It is reported that no lands have yet been taken up on registry under the concessional terms for paddy cultivation.

(3) *G. O. Dis. No. 1197 of 22/Revenue dated the 2nd November, 1923*:—Government resolved to throw open for registry such of the lands in the reserved forests as could be registered without serious detriment to forest conservancy. Government also resolved to appoint mixed committees of officials and non-officials for each taluk or group of taluks as might be convenient, in order to inspect the several reserved forests and select areas fit for paddy cultivation. Three such committees were appointed in the first instance for the three taluks of Peermade, Devicolam and Pattanapuram. Subsequently, committees were also appointed for the taluks of Kottarakara, Pattanamtitta, Todupuzha, Muvattupuzha and Kunnatnad. The jurisdiction of the Peermade Committee was also extended to the five *pakuthies* of Cheruvalli, Chirakkadavu, Manimala and Kanjirapalli, north and south, in the Changanachery taluk. Similarly, the committees for the Pattanapuram and Kottarakara taluks were asked to bring within their operation the Yerur and Achencoil Reserved Forests in the Shencottah taluk and the Kummil Reserved Forest in the Nedumangad taluk, respectively. The reports of the Peermade, (so far as it relates to the Peermade taluk alone) Devicolam and Pattanapuram Committees have been received and G. O.'s on the first two have been issued and published in the *Gazette*. The G. O. on the remaining report is underi ssue. The other five committees are still working and their reports have not yet been received.

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